

# **BLDD Architects cuts IT operational costs and** increases productivity by creating a high-performing IT infrastructure with StarWind Virtual SAN (VSAN)



# **About the Company**

Founded in 1929, BLDD (Because Life Deserves Design) Architects is a U.S. company operating in the field of architectural and structural design. The company has five offices across the country: in Chicago, Decatur, Illinois, Davenport, and Iowa.

## **Industry**

Engineering

#### Location

North America (United States)

#### **Solution**

StarWind Virtual SAN (VSAN)

"I'm very satisfied with StarWind. Better performance, much simpler to maintain. Better price-toperformance ratio."

#### Dan Reynolds,

Senior Systems Administrator

# Challenge

Before deploying StarWind Virtual SAN (VSAN), BLDD Architects was struggling to maintain an aging EMC SAN infrastructure. The costs associated with the upkeep of their legacy SAN system were spiraling out of control, driven by the need for frequent repairs, costly upgrades, and expensive vendor support. These maintenances also caused significant operational inefficiencies.

BLDD Architects required a storage solution that could deliver high performance without the high costs and complexity associated with their existing SAN environment.

## Solution

BLDD Architects selected StarWind Virtual SAN (VSAN) because it offered a cost-effective and high-performance alternative to their aging EMC SAN infrastructure. By utilizing existing commodity hardware. StarWind VSAN eliminated the need for costly proprietary components, enabling the company to achieve substantial cost savings on maintenance and support.

StarWind VSAN's ability to create a highly available, fault-tolerant storage pool using local resources enhanced system speed and responsiveness. With StarWind VSAN, BLDD Architects successfully transitioned to a modern, scalable, and efficient storage solution that met both their performance and budgetary needs.